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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: <u>Docket 02-55</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Hall County Georgia I would like to express our support for the "Consensus Plan" filed by public safety organizations, private wireless organizations, and Nextel, in the above-reference proceeding regarding interference to 800 MHz public safety systems.

As a local Public Safety communications provider I have personally experienced the dysfunction of wireless two- way interference as related to this issue. Officers are put at risk as a result and local governments spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to design communications systems around the interference issues. A well-planned rebanding approach could position all effected parties in an interference free environment for a long term.

The Public Safety Consensus Plan, through guarded re-banding of spectrum would eliminate most high occurrence interference issues. Other suggested plans of approach simply treat the symptoms while not addressing the true cause. Through the Public Safety Consensus Plan, shared funding may be available to local governments to re- program critical communications equipment for the re-banded spectrum. In addition, additional spectrum may be re-allocated for Public Safety use through the Consensus Plan. At present, critical shortages of FCC authorized spectrum and bandwidth hamper local and State efforts in upgrading much needed security efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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